to Questions

Statement-II

Details of Achievements under the World Bank/ USAID assisted project

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State	Item		Achievements	
	I.	CONSTRUCTION :		
Assam		Sub Centres	:	80
		Staff Qrs	:	30
		Upgradation of	:	5
		existing State		
		Dispensaries to PHCs		
		Upgradation of PHC/	:	3
		CHC/Hosp. as FRUs		
	II.	TRAINING:		
		Medical & Para-medical	:	1532
		Functionaries.		
	I.	CONSTRUCTION:		
Andhra		Sub Centres	:	599
Pradesh		Training Institutes	:	26
IPP-VI)				
	II.	TRAINING:	:	50565
Hyderabad	I.	CONSTRUCTION:		
(IPP-VIII)		Renovation of	:	5
		Urban F.W. Centres		
		into D Type Health		
		Posts		•
		Const. of new D type Health Posts		3
		Upgradation of		2 in
		Maternity Centres	•	Progress
		(30 beds)		
	II.	TRAINING :		
	•••	Med. & Para-Med. staff	:	2198
		Non-Health	:	977
		Functionaries		
Uttar	L	CONSTRUCTION:		
Pradesh	-	Sub Centres	:	750
		Training Institutions	:	66

Indo-Iranian Joint Commission

3522. SHRI B.L. SHANKAR: DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI: SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased

(a) the details of the meeting of the ninth session of Indi-Iranian Joint Commission held in February, 1997 in Tehran:

- (b) the issues that were discussed during the visit of our External Affairs Minister in Tehran;
- (c) whether the proposal for laying a pipeline to transport gas reserves to India was also discussed during the visit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the route of gas pipeline;
- (e) whether any agreement was signed between the representatives of two countries; and
 - (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The Ninth Session of Indo-Iranian Joint Commission was held in Tehran on 21st and 22nd February, 1997. The Indian side was led by External Affairs Minister and the Iranian side was led by Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran. Important issues discussed were the establishment of a Joint Venture Fertiliser Project. Pipeline Project for transportation of Natural Gas to India, proposals on Trade Agreement, Double tax Avoidance Agreement and Agreement for Promotion and Protection of Foreign Investment, Cooperation in the fields of agriculture, health and education.

- (c) Yes, Sir.
- (d) Efforts are to continue to obtain the consent of all parties for a feasibility study of the projected pipeline. Details of the possible route will be available only after the feasibility study is complete.
 - (e) and (f) No, Sir.

Promotion of Libraries

3523. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the Government have a scheme for promotion of libraries in small towns and rural areas; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) and (b) Raja Rammohun Roy Library Foundation, an autonomous organisation fully founded by the Government of India through Department of Culture has a number of schemes to promote and support public library movement in the country. The Foundation has the following schemes for the promotion of libraries for the benefit of small towns and rural areas :

- (1) Assistance towards building up of adequate stock of books and other reading and visual
- (2) Assistance towrds development of rural book deposit centres and mobile library services.

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- (3) Assistance to public libraries below district level for increasing accommodation.
- (4) Assistance to State Central Libraries and District Libraries to acquire TV-cum-VCR sets for educational purposes.
- (5) Assistance to voluntary organisations providing public library services.
- (6) Assistance to children's libraries or children's section of general public libraries.
- (7) Assistance to centrally sponsored libraries such as Jawahar Bal Bhavans, Nehru Yuvak Kendras etc.

[Translation]

Nursing Home Facility To Ex-MPs

3524. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

- (a) whether the ex-Members of Parliament are facing difficulties due to non-availability of nursing home facility in the Government hospitals;
- (b) if so, whether a memorandum has also been submitted to the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) to (c) Nursing home facilities are available in Dr. R.M.L. Hospital and G.B. Pant Hospital. Ex-Members of Parliament are allotted these facilities depending on the availability of rooms in above Hospitals.

A memorandum was presented by the Federation of Legislators of India on 20th August, 1996 and a meeting held with them by Government in this regard. The existing facilities for Ex-MPs was explained to them.

The Central Government have recognised certain private hospitals under the CGHS Delhi whereby all the CGHS beneficiaries including Ex-MPs can obtain treetment at the hospital of their choice.

Privatisation of Waterways

3525. SHRI SURENDRA YADAV :
PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI SUBRATA MUKHERJEE :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

 (a) whether the Government have finally decided to hand over the construction work of new waterways and development of old ones to private sector in the country and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHR) T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[English]

IP Under Construction

3526. PROF. PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA SHRI SURENDRA YADAY :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

- (a) whether several irrigation projects which were under construction in the country during December. 1996:
- (b) if so, the number of projects out of them which are being implemented by the Government with foreign financial assistance;
- (c) the number of projects among them which are lagging behind their original schedule of completion and the minimum and maximum duration of delay of the projects; and
 - (d) the target fixed for completion of those projects?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) As on December, 1996. 162 Major, 256 Medium and 107 Extension/Renovation Modernisation (ERM) Projects were under construction in the Country.

- (b) Eleven Projects out of them are being implemented by the Government with foreign financial assistance.
- (c) Generally a Major irrigation project is expected to take 10 to 15 years and a medium project five years for its completion. On this basis 107 major, 206 medium and 61 ERM Projects are lagging behind schedule. The maximum delay is in case of two major projects started in Ist Plan. The minimum delay is in the case of Major Projects started in VII Plan.
- (d) It is assessed by the Working Group on Major and Medium Irrigation projects for IX Plan that apart from 9 major, 20 medium and 12 ERM projects reported to have been completed during the first four years of VIII Plan, another 29 major, 80 medium and 33 ERM projects are likely to be completed by the end of VIII Plan and the balance are likely to spill over.

Foreign Aid for Road Projects in Gujarat

- 3527. SHRI HARIN PATHAK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:
- (a) whether the Government of Gujarat has submitted a list of important road projects before the